Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method for automated input/output job distribution, comprising the steps of:

detecting an input/output job at a consumable handling device;
reading a machine readable data located on an input/output job cover
page means by a self-propelled, mobile input/output bin; and
determining an owner of the input/output job through the use of the bin.

2. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

contacting a data center of said input/output job.

3. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

scanning/monitoring said consumable handling device to detect said input/output job.

- 4. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of: a printer.
- 5. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:
  a printing device.
- 6. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said method is further comprised of the step of:

outfitting said bin with a locking means.

7. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

wirelessly detecting said input/output job.

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8. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said cover page means is furth r comprised of:

a banner page.

9. (Original) A method for passively automating an input/output job distribution, comprising the steps of:

detecting an input/output job at a consumable handling device;
contacting a self-propelled, mobile input/output bin; and
sending said bin to said consumable handling device to read a machine
readable data located on a job cover page means in order to transfer said job to an
owner of said job through the use of said bin.

- 10. (Original) The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:
  a printer.
- 11. (Original) The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:
  a printing device.
- 12. (Original) The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said method is further comprised of the step of: outfitting said bin with a locking means.
- 13. (Original) The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

wirelessly detecting said input/output job.

- 14. (Original) The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said cover page means is further comprised of:
  - a banner page.

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15. (Original) A method for activ ly automating an input/output job distribution, comprising the steps of:

scanning/m nitoring a consumable handling devic by a self-prop lled, mobile input/output bin;

detecting an input/output job at said consumable handling device by said bin; and

determining an owner of said job by reading machine readable data located on a cover page means of said job through the use of said bin.

16. (Original) The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printer.

17. (Original) The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said consumable handling device is further comprised of:

a printing device.

18. (Original) The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said method is further comprised of the step of:

outfitting said bin with a locking means.

19. (Original) The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said detecting step is further comprised of the step of:

wirelessly detecting said input/output job.

20. (Original) The method, as in Claim 15, wherein said cover page means is further comprised of:

a banner page.

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